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Hagel Statement on the Supreme Court's *Carhart v. Stenberg* Decision

Washington, D.C. – The United States Supreme Court today struck down Nebraska's law banning partial-birth abortions. U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE) made the following statement in response to today's decision on the *Carhart v. Stenberg* partial-birth abortion ban case:

"I am greatly disappointed with today's opinion overturning a state law reflecting the will of the majority of Nebraskans. I encourage Nebraska's lawmakers to revisit this vital issue considering this new development.

At the federal level, I will continue to work to enact a nationwide ban on this barbaric procedure."

On Wednesday morning, the Supreme Court released a 5 to 4 opinion in the case of *Carhart v. Stenberg*. Doctor LeRoy Carhart brought suit against the State of Nebraska, represented by Attorney General Don Stenberg, for its ban on partial-birth abortions. Supreme Court Justices Breyer, O'Connor, Stevens, Souter and Ginsburg concurred with the majority opinion, while Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justices Scalia, Thomas and Kennedy dissented.